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Marginal Column

By EZRA LAQUEUR

TEMPERS are rising as summer approaches and the elections draw nearer. Grave personal insults are hurled against the respective enemies, the streets have become a temporary Hippus for teaching the letters of the Hebrew alphabet; various big brothers intrude by way of loudspeakers on other people's privacy. The returns in the Histradut elections tend to show that the less subtle means of propaganda have no substantial influence. There are certain things, including the innate aggressive urge in human beings which cannot be changed by an act of parliament. It could well be restrained within reasonable bounds if existing laws were applied. In Haifa, the other day, some people decided in favour of self-help. A weekly magazine was boycotted for having reached what was thought a new low in personal vilification. It is highly debatable whether this was the right thing to do because it gave undue publicity to a magazine whose restricted clientele probably looks to it for guidance on the *affairs de coeur* (if this is the correct expression) of Marilyn Monroe and King Farouk rather than on politics. Several newspapers criticized the boycott and argued that if anybody had been slandered or libelled he could always take legal action.

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THIS, of course, is very true — in theory. But in fact the position is not at all clear, and it would appear that the Israeli judiciary must share the responsibility for the deterioration in public standards. The belief has widely gained currency that there is no legal redress against libel and slander, except perhaps for people with very much money likely to be satisfied with a moral victory after very prolonged proceedings. It is different in other countries: In England, the other day, a journalist known in Israel was awarded £5,000 from a publication which had said much less about him than some of the local mudslingers do each week. Even in France, which was notoriously lax in this respect and permitted a minister, Roger Salengro, to be driven to suicide by such papers as "Gringoire," an anti-Semitic weekly had to pay M. Mendes-France two million francs last month. In this country hardly anybody has dared to bring such an action for the results of the few slanders put to the test have been discouraging to a degree. As things are now an unscrupulous newspaper hired by some irresponsible political party can get away with almost anything. There are no angels in this world and a clever lawyer, if given sufficient latitude by the Court, will be able to find something against almost every plaintiff — and the fine in the end, if it should come to that, will be a symbolical one. Nobody should be surprised at a decline in public morals if calling a political foe a gangster, a thief, a paid spy, a fascist murderer or worse will cost at most a few hundred pounds — the chances being that no action will be taken at all, because it is considered a waste of money and time.

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THE whole issue of libel and slander and defamation is, of course, a very complex one as legislators have always realised. It may be misused to stifle freedom of the press and prevent fair comment. This, in effect, is the situation prevailing in some countries and it is up to the judges to decide what really is fair comment and to make any infringement on it as risky and costly as libel and slander. In Israel hitherto the standards of political life have been, on the whole, not better or worse than those prevailing in most European countries. Now, however, a dangerous trend has emerged which, if unchecked, will certainly cause much harm. "Gainst knaves and thieves men shut their gates," and open gates have hitherto always attracted thieves: They may even argue that they have been under great provocation as opportunity makes a thief. Such opportunity should be reduced to a minimum.

Jerusalem, May 16.

Women's Revolt Fails; 'Dayanim' Law Passed

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

After putting down a "revolt" led by Miss Ada Maimon of Mapai yesterday, the Knesset adopted the Dayanim (Religious Court Judges) Bill by a vote of 24 to eight. The bill was supported by the Orthodox parties, the General Zionists, the Progressives and by a handful of Mapai members. It was opposed by Ahdut Ha'avoda, Mapam and the Communists.

The majority of Mapai members did not vote, and no Herut members were present.

The law provides for the establishment of a 10-man appointment committee to recommend to the President nominees for *dayanim* from candidates approved by the Rabbinical Council. The committee will consist of the two Chief Rabbis, two dayanim, the Minister for Religious Affairs, one other Minister chosen by the Government, two Members of the Knesset, and two practising lawyers to be elected by the Legal Council.

Miss Maimon, who was supported in her rebellion by the two General Zionist women members, and by many of the Mapai including all the women members, was not aimed at the bill in its entirety, but only at Section 13, which deals with administrative procedure.

She asked that a woman social worker or lawyer be appointed as an adviser to each rabbinical court. She would be entitled to take part in the court's deliberations, but not in its judgment.

Miss Maimon asserted that, since the rabbinical courts deal primarily with matters of personal status in which the opposing parties were often a man and a woman, it was essential that the woman litigant have a member of her sex in the court who would appreciate her position more fully, and to whom she could speak freely.

No Outsiders

Dr. Z. Warhaftig, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs, replying on behalf of the Legislation Committee (instead of Mr. M. Unna, who replied on all other sections) declared that the proposal would "destroy the rabbinical courts." Once an outsider participated in the court's deliberations it would no longer be a court, but an arbitration board.

Instead he announced, on behalf of the Chief Rabbis and the Rabbinical Court, that the higher rabbinical courts would each employ as one of their secretaries a woman, who would be able to give advice and comfort to women litigants, but who would not take part in the court's discussions.

Miss Maimon then proposed that the section be returned to committee for reconsideration, but this motion failed, 20-24, after first receiving a tie vote.

Her original amendment was then voted on, but it too failed, 24-28. It was supported by some Mapai members (including all the women), the two General Zionist women, the Progressives, and all the Left parties. It was opposed by the rest of Mapai and the General Zionists, and by all the Orthodox parties.

Section 10, which prescribes the *dayan's* oath of office, also aroused more than routine interest. The point of contention here was whether it was sufficient for the *dayan* to pledge his loyalty to the State of Israel, as the committee proposed, or whether the phrase "and to its laws" should be added.

A joint amendment proposed by Mr. I. Bar-Yehuda (Ahdut Ha'avoda), Mr. I. Harari (Progressive), Mr. E. Ichilov (General Zionist), Mr. H. Rubin (Mapam), and Mr. M. Sneh (Communist), would have added the phrase, but it failed, 30 votes to 10.

Mr. Bar-Yehuda called the majority wording "a Natorei Karta version," while Mr. Rubin asked whether rabbinical courts would be bound by the Minimum Marriage Age Law passed by the Knesset. On the one hand the rabbinical courts were the arm of the State, but on the other their judges were not bound to be guided by its laws, he said.

Mr. Harari asserted that since the rabbinical courts owed their existence to the laws of the State of Israel, the least we could expect of the *dayanim* was that they declare their loyalty to those laws.

Mr. S. Lorenzo (Agudat Yisrael), who opposed the requirement of any oath at all, said that it was clear to everybody that if there should be a conflict between the law of the State and that of the Torah, the *dayan* must follow the latter.

Knesset Debates 5th Popular Loan

The Knesset last night passed the first reading of the Popular Loan Bill, 1955, which is expected to raise IL7.5m.

This is the fifth Popular Loan floated by the Government, Mr. Levi Eshkol, Minister of Finance, noted in presenting the bill.

Although between IL2m. and IL3m. of the 1954 Popular Loan of IL6m. were still unsold, the public seemed to prefer to subscribe to loans of different series, and to participate in additional lotteries.

In addition to ordinary sales, the Treasury will enable holders of Mandatory Bearer Bonds to exchange them for the new Popular Loan certificates. The prizes which the Mandatory bonds can win are small, and the bonds are being quoted at from 20 to 30 points less than those of the Popular Loans, the Minister said. A total of IL4m. worth of these bonds is outstanding.

Lottery, Not Interest

The proposed loan certificates will not bear interest, but will participate in lotteries with a total of IL330,000 worth of prizes a year, ranging from IL100 to IL40,000.

The lottery feature of the loan was criticized by Dr. Y. Foerder (Progressive), who doubted whether this was "the most elegant way" of raising money. Lotteries attracted fools, he said, and by conducting them the Government was making "a negative contribution" to popular education. He thought that if the Government, when making loans, linked their value to some stable currency, then in all fairness it should do the same when it was the borrower.

Dr. Y. Bader (Herut) expressed surprise that Mr. Eshkol had not bothered to state the purposes of the new loan and asked for a statement on the amount of State debts.

Mr. H. Rubin (Mapam) agreed that it was high time to put a limit to lotteries — two a month were plenty. He proposed instead that the loan certificates bear five per cent interest, and be linked to the cost-of-living index.

The Communists voted against the bill, while Mapam abstained.

France, Israel Initial New Trade Pact

A new commercial and payments agreement between France and Israel was initialled in Jerusalem yesterday afternoon.

After negotiations between the Israel delegation led by Mr. M. Bartur, Director of the Economic Division of the Foreign Ministry, and the French delegation headed by M. Pierre Laurent, an agreement was reached the main point of which is a 20 per cent increase in the value of Israel exports to France as compared with the current year and the granting of "most-favoured nation rights" for French imports to Israel.

In a communication to this paper yesterday, M. Laurent wrote:

"I should like to emphasize that both Mr. Bartur and I stressed the full measure of agreement existing between the two delegations as to the principle of non-discrimination against French goods in Israel. This agreement finds its expression in the protocol signed today.

"The trade agreement between France and Israel contains a special clause ensuring 'most favoured nation' treatment for France and in the course of the press conference yesterday I expressed my satisfaction at the statement by the head of the Israel delegation that Israel will implement this clause in a spirit of friendship and generosity, as has been the case in the past."

JAVITS SEES IKE ON MIDDLE EAST

WASHINGTON, Monday, — Attorney-General Jacob K. Javits of New York today participated in a private discussion at the White House with President Eisenhower on a number of matters, including the Israel-Arab situation.

In New York yesterday, Mr. Mortimer May, President of the Zionist Organization of America, urged the Government to "enter into mutual security negotiations with Israel" in order to further stabilize conditions in the Middle East. He made the statement at an all-day meeting of the Z.O.A. Executive. *(UP, INA)*

NEW AGENCY ASSUMES ISRAEL BOND SALES

NEW YORK, Monday (INA). — The new organization headed by Dr. Joseph Schwartz, Executive Vice-Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, assumed responsibility today for the sale of Israel Bonds in the U.S. and other parts of the world.

The Israel Bonds sales organization was officially transferred today to the newly created agency, known as the Development Corporation for Israel.

The new management today received a congratulatory cable from the Israel Finance Minister, Mr. Levi Eshkol.

Faure Convenes Urgent Meeting On N. Africa

PARIS, Monday. — Premier Edgar Faure today called his top ministers and military advisers into urgent conference on the renewed outbreaks of terrorism in France's North African territories. M. Faure met with M. Pierre July, Tunisian and Moroccan Affairs Minister, Interior Minister Maurice Bourges-Maunoury, Defence Minister Pierre Koenig and Marshal Alphonse Juin.

Twenty-five persons have been killed in terrorist operations in North Africa in the last two days. Most of the victims were in Algeria and informed sources said that region occupied most of the meeting's attention this afternoon.

Three Tunisian Ministers flew here today to sign new self-rule conventions, but French settlers in Tunisia warned they would rebel rather than abandon their privileges.

The powerful "Presence Française" served notice that it would fight "to the end" to prevent Tunisian autonomy.

At the same time, the Old Destour Nationalist Party has denounced the French Government for giving too little freedom to the Protectorate. The group, unlike the Neo-Destour, campaigns for total independence and the establishment of a rigid Moslem regime.

The sudden upsurge of terrorism, particularly in Algeria, dealt a heavy blow to hopes that the Tunisian home rule accord would usher in an era of peace in North Africa. The breakdown of casualties was: 16 killed in Algeria; eight killed and nine wounded in Morocco, one killed and seven wounded in Tunisia.

Village Stormed

A rural policeman and his son, barricaded in their house in the little village of Ain Naga, near Biskra, Algeria, fought off an attack by a band of terrorists and killed 10 of them.

The terrorists, about 100 strong, stormed into town and virtually took it over — taking money at gunpoint from most of the inhabitants. They retired after failing to storm the policeman's house. A plane caught up with them and claimed some 15 casualties, including four dead, after strafing runs.

(Reuter, UP)

Premier Diem Abolishes Bao Dai Guards

SAIGON, Monday (UP). — Absentee Emperor Bao Dai's last military support crumbled today before the republican tide sweeping South Vietnam, as Premier Ngo Din Diem abolished the 5,000-man Imperial Guard, announcing that it has been integrated into the national army as two infantry regiments.

Meanwhile, revolutionary committees patterned on the group in Saigon which organized a huge "Down with Bao Dai" rally yesterday, have begun to spring up throughout the country. Popular demonstrations against Bao Dai were held in many towns, even in Hue, seat of the imperial family.

Premier Diem has not publicly admitted he wants to overthrow Bai Dai now, but he is believed to favour such a move. Bao Dai's title of emperor is purely a courtesy one, and he has no throne to lose.

8 INDIANS KILLED IN FIGHT WITH PORTUGUESE

BOMBAY, Monday (UP).—Three men living in the village of Marvad in the Damaun district were reported today to have been killed in a scuffle with Portuguese soldiers.

Reports said that a soldier molested a woman, resulting in a fight in which the woman's husband and two others were killed. The soldiers reportedly beat 50 villagers and arrested 20 persons.

Tourists Before Big 4 In Switzerland

LAUSANNE, Monday (Reuter).—Swiss towns are ready to welcome a Big Four conference, but in Montreux, at the eastern end of Lake Leman, a town official said that "business comes first ... tourists are regular customers—the Big Four are not."

Lausanne is ready to welcome the conference. It has been mentioned as a possible site.

Churchill Enlivens British Election

LONDON, Monday. — Sir Winston Churchill said tonight that there may be a Soviet "new look" that may prove "most beneficial" in the search for peace. He was "very glad" that President Eisenhower had finally expressed willingness to attend a top-level four-power meeting.

Disarmament and relaxation of cold war tensions are "Within our reach and may soon be within our grasp," he said.

The 80-year-old ex-Prime Minister sallied out from his six-week retirement with his first election speech, in his constituency of Woodford, with gusto and sledge-hammer blows at his Labour opponents.

He called them "half-witted... piebalds," trying to give the Communists the idea that "Britain is on the run."

10 Days to Go

Sir Winston's speech put new life into Britain's election campaign. With only 10 days to go, candidates on both sides have been desperately seeking issues on which to fight.

The public steadfastly refuses to show any enthusiasm over the campaigning in what both Conservative and Labour leaders are dubbing the most apathetic political contest in living memory.

Tonight's heavyweight boxing championship fight in San Francisco between Britain's Don Cockell and Rocky Marciano wiped the election off the front page of the evening papers today.

A nation-wide dock strike called for next Monday was also given more prominence than the choice of the next Government. *(Reuter, UP)*

President Visits Jewish Mediaeval Sites in France

AVIGNON, Monday (Reuter)—President Ishak Ben-Zvi of Israel today visited the mediaeval synagogues and ancient Jewish cemeteries at Carpentras and Cavaillon in southern France. He also went to St. Remy de Provence to visit the excavations of the Gallo-Roman city of Glanum.

Mr. Ben-Zvi returned tonight to Marseilles to sleep on board the Israel liner Negbah which brought him there today on a private Mediterranean cruise.

Harakabi New Head Of Army Intelligence

Aluf Mishne Yehoshafat Harakabi has been appointed head of Army Intelligence, in succession to Aluf Mishne Benyamin Givli, who has been made Chief of Staff, Northern Command.

The appointments went into effect on Sunday, May 15, the Army spokesman announced last night.

Benyamin Givli, 35, is a native of Petah Tikva. He joined the Haganah as a boy and when the War of Independence began was head of intelligence in Jerusalem. He has been head of Intelligence at G.H.Q. for the past five years.

Yehoshafat Harakabi, who succeeds him, is a son of the late Zedekia Harakabi, a Tel Aviv magistrate. He is a graduate of the Hebrew University and was for a time secretary to Mr. Moshe Sharett. Latterly he was Deputy Chief of Intelligence. He returned last week from study abroad.

Eisenhower Approves 'Fair Shares' Plan for Salk Polio Vaccine

WASHINGTON, Monday (UP).—President Eisenhower today approved a voluntary plan designed to assure fair allocation of the salk polio vaccine.

The plan would be effective following completion of the current programme of immunization being conducted by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis for first and second grade school-children.

A report prepared by the Secretary for welfare, Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, and experts of the public health service recommended that "for the time being" the vaccine should be administered only to children of the most susceptible age group, five to nine years old.

The report to the President recommended:

"That the vaccine should be made available on a world-wide scale as soon as possible," and that the President designate "a special committee to further study methods for assisting other nations."

It also proposed that an allocation be made for members and dependents of the uniformed services abroad and for the personnel and dependents of the State Department.

"There will be a shortage of the vaccine several months," Mrs. Hobby said as her plan was announced at the White House.

She said that only a voluntary plan of priorities and distribution could be mobilized "fast enough" to be effective during this temporary period of shortage.

"The programme meets the President's objective of getting all safe vaccine to American children as rapidly as possible and assures that no child will be denied vaccination because of inability to pay," she said.

$2m. More Asked

The White House said that, as a result of the report, plans are being made to ask Congress for an additional $2m. for the Health, Education and Welfare Department to conduct the vaccine programme, particularly for "vigorous enforcement" of laws prohibiting sales of the vaccine outside authorized channels of prescription drugs.

Mrs. Hobby and her advisers said: "We emphasize that the safety of the vaccine must always be the first consideration — distribution must be secondary to safety."

"The safety of the vaccine released for use will continue to be the responsibility of the Public Health Service... and is receiving the constant and diligent attention of the Public Service."

In Chicago, mass inoculation of children began in Suburban Oak Park today after a public opinion poll showed a majority of parents in favour of the anti-polio shots.

FROUMINE'S CRACKERS

Dulles Optimistic On Thaw in Cold War

WASHINGTON, Monday. — Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said here today that "much good work" had been done during his 10-day visit to Europe and predicted "constructive accomplishment" in the forthcoming meeting of the Big Four heads of state.

After arriving here today he went straight to the White House to report to President Eisenhower on his mission which was climaxed yesterday by the signing of the Austrian State Treaty.

The Foreign Ministers of the Soviet Union, the U.S., Britain and France left Vienna after discussing a meeting of their heads of state but without determining either time or place. This will be done through normal diplomatic channels.

Tomorrow, Mr. Dulles is expected to give an optimistic report to the nation on the chances of a thaw in the "cold war."

In this atmosphere, the tendency in official circles is now to accept the Soviet Union's long-delayed agreement to an Austrian State Treaty at its face value as one of those demonstrations of a "sincere desire for peace" which the President and Mr. Dulles have said should precede a top-level conference between Soviet and Western leaders.

At the airport here, today, Mr. Dulles listed among the accomplishments of his trip, Germany's entry into NATO, the beginning of West European unity, "good talks about China and Indo-China," signature of the Austrian treaty and Western agreement on an invitation to the Soviet Union for a Big Four meeting. "That is a good deal for this week."

But in London, Foreign Secretary Harold Macmillan warned on his return from Vienna today that "new problems" and "anxious times" lie ahead in dealing with Russia. He claimed that the past week's achievements were a justification of the policy which Sir Anthony Eden has pursued — one of peace through strength, "the fruits of which begin now at last to ripen."

The third Western delegate to the Foreign Ministers' meeting in Vienna, M. Antoine Pinay, said in Copenhagen today on his way home to Paris, that "there should now be a real basis for optimism." *(Reuter, UP)*

"WHY NOT HAVE A CONFERENCE AT THE LOWEST LEVEL?"

Bonn Puts Claim To Austria Assets

BONN, Monday (Reuter). — The Government has lodged a protest Note with the Austrian Government and has asked the three Western powers for "explanations" on the new clauses in the Austrian State Treaty relating to former German property in Austria, a spokesman said today.

The old version of the Austrian State Treaty left open the question of the eventual restoration of former German property. The new version virtually excluded this, he added. The spokesman said the Government reserved its right to lodge compensation claims with the Austrian Government.

Chancellor Julius Raab said in reply to a question at a Vienna press conference today that details of property restitution and indemnification of former German property owners in Austria would be the subject of bilateral talks with the West German Government at some future date.

MAC Blames Egypt For Firing at Car

The Israel-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commission at an emergency meeting at Kilo 95 yesterday, blamed Egypt for committing an act of aggression by opening fire from a permanent military position in Egyptian-controlled territory at an Israel observation post and an Israel Army command car in Israel territory at 1 p.m. on April 19.

The commmand car was damaged by the fire.

The M.A.C. noted with "grave concern" that, despite the obligation imposed upon Egypt by the Armistice agreement and numerous M.A.C. decisions, these repeated acts of aggression had not terminated. It also noted with "extremely grave concern" the incessant cases of firing at Israel security forces from Egyptian-controlled territory and the intensification of the already aggravated situation prevailing along the Armistice line as a result of these repeated acts of aggression against Israel.

The M.A.C. also adopted an Egyptian resolution blaming Israel for opening mortar fire at an Egyptian position at Wadi Gaza, in the same area, at 5.45 p.m. the same day. The M.A.C. found that 33 mortar shell impacts and fragments of shells were found in the above mentioned position.

The Chairman was Chef de Bataillon, E. X. Ciaccomaggi.

EGYPTIAN INFILTRATOR GIVEN 2-YEAR TERM

BEERSHEBA, Monday. — The special court for infiltrators, sitting in Beersheba today, sentenced an infiltrator from Khan Yunis, Egypt, to two-and-a-half years' imprisonment for having entered Israel illegally.

FROUMINE'S Champagne BISCUITS

Molotov Stays Behind For 'Sightseeing'

VIENNA, Monday (UP). — The Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. V. M. Molotov, arranged a surprise meeting tonight with the Austrian Chancellor, Dr. Julius Raab, in what was considered a Russian attempt to woo newly-freed Austria closer to the East.

Mr. Molotov stayed behind in Vienna after yesterday's treaty signing on the pretext of doing some "sightseeing."

He did indeed take to the Austrian countryside during the day for a look at the East Austrian oilfields which Russia is to hand back under terms of the new treaty in exchange for the delivery of 10 millions tons of crude oil over a period of 10 years.

BURMESE ENVOY CALLS ON SHARETT

The Burmese Charge d'Affaires, Mr. Khin Maung Gale, yesterday morning called on the Premier and Foreign Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, at the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem, and presented to him his letters of credence. He also met Messrs. W. Eytan, Director General of the Ministry, A. Lourie, Assistant Director General, D. Lewin, Director of the Asian Division and A. Gilboa, Acting Chief of Protocol.

Mr. Gale was dressed in native Burmese clothes with a gold, silk head-cloth, jacket without tie, and golden cloak.

He drove up to Jerusalem in a taxi flying the Burmese flag — red with a blue square in the top right-hand corner with six white stars.

Air Force Plane Crashes, Pilot Dead

An Israel Air Force plane crashed on Sunday morning in the North of the country, the Army spokesman announced yesterday. The pilot, Segen Aris Shmuell, was killed.

This accident is the second to have taken place recently. Just over a month ago a plane of the Air Gadna fell into the sea at Tel Aviv, the pilot, Rav-Seren Kaufmann-Ga'aton, and a Gadna member from Na'an losing their lives in the accident. Their bodies were recovered from the sea after a prolonged search.

Envoys Confer On Egyptian-Iraqi Tension

The Iraqi and Lebanese envoys in Cairo yesterday returned to Baghdad and Beirut for consultations with their respective home governments regarding the projected Egyptian-Syrian-Saudi Arabian defence alliance.

The Iraqi Ambassador, Najib e-Rawi, conferred with Deputy Foreign Minister Ahmed Khairat before he left, on what diplomatic observers described as "strained relations between the two countries." Rawi will also report in Baghdad on Egyptian reaction to the recent Iraqi charges that Egypt was operating a secret anti-Iraqi radio station, "Radio Free Iraq," on Egyptian territory.

Rawi said before he left Cairo, that if the aim of the new pact is to check Israel aggression then the old Arab collective security pact "is quite enough." Should any Arab country consider this pact inadequate, then Iraq is ready to introduce any amendments which are necessary, he added. The new treaty is aimed against Iraq, he charged.

The Lebanese Ambassador, who conferred with Premier Abdul Nasser before he took off for Beirut, emphasized that his government's policy is not to join either pact and to continue its mediation efforts for Arab unity. (Reuter, NEABS)

Egypt Shaken By Inflation Threat

NEW YORK, Monday (INA). — The Cairo correspondent of "The New York Times" reported today that Egypt is suffering from economic jitters, with fear haunting the commercial and financial communities, causing a substantial increase of stock exchange prices in the last 10 days.

The premium on dollars over the official exchange rate climbed by 12 to 17 per cent, and the price of gold showed a similar increase. Increased activity was also reported in real estate. Fears of inflation have already caused a slight inflation, as cash is being converted into hard currency, commodities and securities.

The situation has been aggravated by recurrent rumours that the Egyptian pound will be devalued. These rumours were caused by economic apprehension resulting from a sharp drop in cotton exports, accompanied by a large increase in production.

Uncertainty over American intentions has already slowed the world cotton market and hurt Egyptian exports. Egypt is trying hard to fill the gap through barter agreements with Soviet bloc countries, the report concluded.

According to AFP, the Minister of Finance, Abul Moneim Kaissouni, this evening denied inflation rumours.

International Bank officials said in Washington that it will be "some time yet" before they come to any decision on whether to finance part of the huge Aswan Dam project in Egypt, which will cost almost $600m.

Arabs Want U Nu To Cancel Visit Here

Foreign Minister Alfred Naccache of Lebanon has asked the Pakistan Minister in Beirut to inform Premier Mohammed Ali in Karachi to dissuade Premier U Nu of Burma from visiting Israel, according to the Lebanese Foreign Ministry spokesman last night. Mr. U Nu is expected in Israel on May 29.

NEABS quoted Fuad Amoun, Director-General of the Lebanese Foreign Ministry as saying that several Arab states are in close contact with countries friendly with Burma, in an effort to dissuade Mr. U Nu from coming to Israel. He warned that the visit would "harm Arab relations with Burma."

Amoun regretted that "excellent relations" prevailed between Burma and Israel, leading to the exchange of various delegations and military advisers between the two countries, as well as the supply of Israel planes and arms to Burma.

The Arab League has approached India, Burma and Ethiopia with a request to limit their relations with Israel in accordance with the "execution of resolutions" of the Bandung conference, according to the Cairo newspaper "Al Ahram."

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Social & Personal

The Minister of Education and Culture, Professor Ben-Zion Dinur, at the end of last week received Professor R. Kipputh, of the Physical Education Department of Yale University. The visitor was accompanied by Mr. Y. Alaf, head of the Physical Training Division at the Ministry, and Mr. M. Paz, Secretary of the Israel Sports Federation.

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The Soviet Ambassador to Israel, Mr. A. Abramov, accompanied by M. Petrov and M. Wiagunow of the Embassy staff, visited the Weizmann Institute of Science yesterday. They were met at the Institute by Mrs. Chaim Weizmann; the Administrative Director, Dr. B. M. Bloch; heads of departments and members of the administrative staff, and toured the Institute buildings and grounds. Later they lunched in the Institute's clubhouse.

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Chief Rabbis I. H. Herzog and Itzhak Nissim will be the official guests of Tel Aviv this morning after touring religious institutions.

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A dinner for the French commercial delegation was given at the Eden Hotel on Sunday night by the Foreign Ministry and the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

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The President and the members of the Board of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary Club, accompanied by the French Ambassador, M. F. E. Gilbert, visited the children's club and kindergarten of the Society for Crippled Children at Mosad Abrahams yesterday morning.

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The J.N.F. and U.J.A. delegations from Canada, consisting of 64 members, yesterday visited Emek Hefer which was redeemed by Canadian Jewry 25 years ago. They lunched at the Kfar Vitkin Local Council and were greeted by the Chairman, Mr. Haim Ben-Zvi.

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DEPARTURES: Mme. Abramova, wife of the Soviet Ambassador, for Vienna on her way to the U.S.S.R.; Mr. M. Namir, Secretary-General of the Histadrut, and Mr. R. Barkatt, Director of the Political Department of the Histadrut, for Vienna to attend the Congress of the Trade Unions.

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A farewell party was given on Sunday by the management and Workers' Committee of Mekorot Water Company in Tel Aviv, for Mr. I. Vilentchuk on his leaving his post as active member of the management. Mr. Vilentchuk will continue as a member of the Board of Directors of the Company.

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At the last session of the International Centre for Irrigation Problems, held in Verona, Italy, Mr. Ra'anan Weitz, Deputy Director of the Jewish Agency's Settlement Department, was elected in absentia as a member of the Centre's Technical Committee.

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The Board of Directors of the Kupat Am has elected Mr. Ya'acov Bukstein Chairman and Messrs. M. Ben-Haim and S. Wallovelsky Deputy Chairmen. Mr. Yosef Caspi has been appointed Secretary of the Kupat Am Bank, Ltd.

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Dr. and Mrs. Aage Bertelsen yesterday visited the WIZO Mothercraft Training Centre in Tel Aviv, the Anna Jaffe Vocational School for Girls in Nahlat Yitzhak, the Maya Rosenberg Pre-Vocational School for Girls in Rehovot and the WIZO Agricultural School and Training Farm in Ayanot.

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Mr. Tosca Fyvel, of London, is visiting Israel to collect material for a travel book.

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Mr. H. Cohen, Attorney-General, will lecture on "Civil Liberties" at 8.30 tonight at the Hebrew University, Rathbone Hall 73, under the auspices of the Israel Political Sciences Association. In the chair: Mr. P. Rosen, Minister of Justice.

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The Haifa Rotary Club will feature a Golden Anniversary project at its weekly meeting tomorrow.

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Dr. Cyrus Levinthal will lecture on "The Mechanism of Genetic Recombination in Phage" in the Department of Experimental Biology at the Weizmann Institute at Rehovot at 12 o'clock this morning. Dr. Franz Sondheimer will lecture on "Cortisone and Similar Compounds: Recent Developments" in the clubhouse at the Institute at 4 p.m. today.

BIRTHS

BEN ELIJL — To Rachel (nee Winetrobe), Chesna columnist of *Ha'aretz Shelanu*, wife of David Ben Elijl, Drama Critic of *Davar Hashavua* — on May 13, 1955, at Hadassah Hospital, Hakirya, Tel Aviv — their first born daughter, Iris.

DE LEEUW — Jehuda and Hanna Araten-De Leeuw announce with great pleasure the birth of their granddaughter Avital Naomi in Delft — Holland.

BAR MITSVA

Steve and Avigdor Dagan (Plechl) invite friends to participate in the Bar Mitsva of their son, Peter Dania, on Saturday, May 21, 1955, between 11 a.m.-1 p.m., at their home, 53/47 Mussrara, Jerusalem.

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LAW REPORT

The Jerusalem Post May 17, 1955

In the Supreme Court Sitting as Court of Criminal Appeal

Before the Deputy President (Justice Cheshin), Justices Goitein and Berinson.

The Attorney General, Appellant, v. Pesah Shlapubarsky & Co., Respondent (Cr.A. 267/54)

A Tractor is a Motor Car

The Supreme Court allowed an appeal against a judgment of the Tel Aviv District Court, delivered on December 12, 1954 (Cr.A. 439/54).

The respondents were found guilty by the Tel Aviv Municipal Court of an offence contrary to sections 4 and 10 of the Trades and Industries (Regulation) Ordinance, 1927, in that they operated a workshop for repairing tractors without having obtained a licence. They were fined IL5. They appealed to the District Court which unanimously allowed the appeal on the grounds that the schedule to the above Ordinance, as amended in 1954, mentions, amongst those trades for which licences must be obtained, garages and workshops for repairing motor cars (*mechoniot* in Hebrew). The Court held that a tractor was not a motor car, and therefore the repairing of tractors was not one of the scheduled trades.

The Attorney General appealed against this decision. Mr. Silbiger appeared for the appellant, Mr. Roditi for the respondents.

Judgment

The judgment of the Supreme Court was delivered by Justice Goitein, who surveyed the various translations and transliterations to which the term "motor vehicle" in the original schedule to the Ordinance had been subjected in the course of the years, culminating in the latest amendment to the schedule introduced after the establishment of the State, in which the word "mechonit," meaning motor car, was used — this time no longer as a translation.

Justice Goitein pointed out that the District Court had been confused by the vagaries of the official translators into mistakenly concluding that there was a distinct difference between "motor vehicle" and "motor car;" whereas, in fact, as shown in his survey, the legislator had merely used a variety of Hebrew translations for the English term "motor vehicle." Since this term includes tractors, as clearly shown in his survey therefore the term "motor car," as used by the Hebrew translators, must perforce also include tractors, which was obviously the intention of the legislator.

Referring to the fact that the latest amendment to the schedule had been introduced by the Israel legislator and had been drafted in Hebrew and not translated from the English, the Court held that, in general, recourse should not be had to the English equivalent in order to adduce the correct interpretation of the Hebrew term. In the present case, however, the legislator had, firstly, derived its competence to amend the schedule from the original Mandatory Ordinance and, secondly, had merely changed a few details (such as the amount of the licence fee) in the original schedule. It was therefore not only permissible, but obligatory, to interpret the Hebrew terms in accordance with the interpretation given the English equivalent during the time of the Mandate. In conclusion, Justice Goitein quoted from an English precedent in which it had been specifically held that, for the purpose of certain laws, a tractor was a motor car. (Dennis v. Leonard, 141 L.T.R. 94)

Appeal allowed and sentence imposed by the Municipal Court confirmed.

Judgment given on May 5, 1955.

Jordan Press Drops Black Borders

For the first time since the establishment of Israel, the Jordan press appeared on May 15 without the customary black-bordered front pages and without the usual editorials demanding vengeance for the Arab defeat in the War of Liberation.

"Falastin," Old City daily, carried a map of Palestine before May 15, 1948, and a column describing how the seven Arab League states suffered defeat. The column charged the Arab leaders with "remaining asleep, and wearing dark glasses in order not to see their own crimes." It also published a poem on its front page headed, "You Criminals," referring to the Arab leaders.

"A-Diffa," another Old City daily, contented itself with a front page cartoon showing a dagger, dripping blood, with the inscription "treason," plunged into a map of what was Palestine.

In contrast, the official Radio Ramallah continued the traditional May 15 hate campaign against Israel. It urged Arabs to inculcate their "infants with hatred of the Jews" and demanded preparations to seek revenge for the Arab defeat in Israel.

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME
522, 249, 35.5 & 48.9 M.

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 6.00, 6.15, 8.30 and 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 8 a.m., 2.15 & 5.30 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercise. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 9.00 Close Down.

12.00 N. "Music at Noon" (R). 12.30 Housewives' Corner. 12.50 Light Music (R). 1.45 "From Dan to Eilat" (R). 3.30 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Oriental Music (R). 4.15 Programme for Hospitals. 4.45 Light Music (R). 5.05 Agricultural Programme. 5.15 Language Corner. 5.30 Children's Hour. 7.00 Folklore. 7.02 Haifa Programme. 7.30 In the Diaspora. 7.40 Noah's Ark. 8.15 Bible Reading. 8.45 The Week in the U.N. 9.00 Kol Yisrael Orchestra. Conductor: George Singer. Soloist: Nahum Pincayuk: Two Movements from "Ruth" (Yaffe); Viola Concerto (Kobisa); Concerto for Strings (Ben Haim); Oriental Dances (Petrushka). 10.30 Short Story. 10.40 Nocturne. 11.10 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
491, 400, 325, 214, 49.9 & 31.5 M.

English News: 1.45, 10.15 p.m. French News: 3.00 p.m.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR: 6.15 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. 6.30 French. 7.00 Yiddish. 7.30 Ladino. Close Down. 8.45 Rumanian. 9.00 Hungarian. 9.15 Close Down.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (32.5 M.): (South Africa Programme): 6.30 p.m. News. 6.40 A visit to the Dan Hotel. 7.00 The Music of Vilenski. 7.15 Close Down.

11.15 p.m. News. 11.25 "This also Happened." 11.30 Music & the Land of Israel. 11.15 Easy Hebrew Conversation.

ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 216, 225 & 229 M.): 4.30 Opening. 6.35 "Bow and Arrow." 7.00 Light Music. 7.30 Corps to Corps." 7.40 Noah's Ark. 8.30 News. 8.45 Short Sketch. 9.15 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS: (16.79, 19.42, 16.66, 25.15 M.): 6.30-7.00 p.m. News. "This England"; Art Chronicle.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

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RAMAT GAN: Amit, 120 Medina.

GIVATAYIM: Etzion, 9 Syrkin.

BENI BRAK: Shapiro.

HOLON: Brivi, Rehov Sokolov.

HAIFA: Merdim, 13 Nordau, 6080; Hagalil, 69 Allenby.

KIRYAT MOTZKIN: Motzkin, 7302.

NAHARIYA: Merkaz.

SAFAD: Heart.

EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS

JERUSALEM: Dr. L. Romanoff, 11 Ben-Maimon, 61217. Dr. A. Rigas, 10 Bezalel, 2083. Dr. S. Grinwald, Greek Colony, 61281.

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HAIFA: Dr. Sherman, 1 Hanevi'im, 2224; Dr. Ludwig, 24 Shivat Zion, 67417.

Yesterday's Press

Burma and Israel Have Common Ties

Welcoming the Burmese envoy to Israel, "Davar" (Histadrut) says that the two nations have many things in common. Both have achieved their independence only recently, both have to defend it against outside aggression, both strive to increase their economic strength while preserving human rights. The governments of both countries are headed by democratic socialist parties and have established friendly relations despite the geographical distance dividing them. It is not surprising therefore that Burma's leaders have refused to participate in anti-Israel intrigues and to give credence to the propaganda lies spread by our enemies. The paper expresses the hope that the establishment of regular diplomatic relations will strengthen the forces of peace, work and progress in Asia.

"Zmanim" (Progressive) feels that the Warsaw Conference and the Eastern decision to establish a close military alliance are only a formal sanction of what has long existed in fact. Soviet willingness to go to Belgrade ("to Canossa"), however, shows that the East may now be more willing to reach some modus vivendi with the West.

"Hatzofe" (World Mizrahi Union), along with "Yediot Aharonot," deals with the unwillingness of the Austrians to comply with their obligations with regard to restitution of Jewish property, noting that last week and the Austrian representatives did not show any signs of willingness to retreat from their negative attitude.

Civil Service Bill

"Ha'aretz" (non-party) demands that the Knesset adopt the government civil service bill, which was first tabled three years ago and is of particular importance in view of the forthcoming elections and of the participation of public employees in the elections campaign. The paper thinks that the Government has been mistaken in not giving the bill top priority.

"Haboker" (General Zionist) and "Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) criticize a recent speech by the Secretary-General of the Histadrut, according to which the five per cent won by the General Zionist list at the Histadrut elections were a passing phenomenon. "Haboker" feels that in view of the Histadrut's record the "working professionals" will hardly believe Mr. Namir's promises of a fairer deal. "Al Hamishmar" attacks Mr. Namir for the remark that Mapai wants a stable majority, i.e. the continuation of its alliance with the General Zionists.

Tourism to Mid-East 'Likely to Boom'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

"We have only scratched the surface of the tourist potential in this part of the world, which is likely to skyrocket from year to year," Mr. H. A. Harding, Manager of the cruise division of the world-wide American Express Company, stated in Jerusalem yesterday before returning home.

Mr. Harding said that most of the American tourists crossing the Atlantic every year had now had their fill of Europe and were looking for new places to visit. The Eastern Mediterranean was the natural extension of a European tour.

He praised the cooperation of the authorities here as well as that of the Israel Consulate in New York, who were doing everything to facilitate organized cruises and other tourist traffic.

American Express is bringing the luxury liner, Cordonia, to Israel in October and the Britannic some time during the winter season. Plans have also been made to bring over American soldiers on leave from Germany.

Mr. Harding stressed that Egypt was making no difficulties whatsoever with regard to Jewish cruise passengers — in fact, she did not ask for the tourists' religion, while blanket visas were also being issued for cruises by other Middle Eastern countries.

EVEREST CONQUEROR TO SOUTH POLE

AUCKLAND, Monday (Reuter) —Sir Edmund Hillary, conqueror of Mt. Everest, will fly to London in July for talks with Dr. Vivian Fuchs, Antarctic expedition expert, who is to lead the 1957-58 Commonwealth expedition to cross the South Pole.

Tipped to lead New Zealand's party in the group, Sir Edmund will spend 16 days in Britain.

Demand State Dep't Security Chief Ouster

WASHINGTON, Monday (UP). —Sixteen of New York's Democratic Congressmen called yesterday for the dismissal of Mr. Scott McLeod, State Department security chief, as head of the U.S. refugee relief programme.

They also told a Senate judiciary sub-committee that President Eisenhower's lack of "leadership is partially to blame for the obvious failure" of the programme to admit 214,000 anti-Communist refugees and others to the U.S. They said that as of April 22 the State Department had issued only 36,237 immigration visas under the two-year-old programme, which will expire at the end of next year.

The charge was the latest in a series of Democratic attacks on Mr. McLeod and the Refugee Act since the abrupt ouster of Mr. Edward J. Corsi as chief adviser to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles on immigration problems.

Where to go

JERUSALEM

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★ Exhibition:—
Watercolours of wild plants by Ruth Coppel at Nora Studio Art Gallery, 9 Maimon Avenue, 10-1, 3-6 p.m.

"Conquest of the Desert" permanent exhibition at the former Israel pavilion of the International "Conquest of the Desert" Exhibition 10-1, 4-6.

Department of Antiquities special exhibition: Excavating of a Canaanite Temple on the seashore of Nahariya (XVIIIth-XVth centuries B.C.E.). 36 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech. Open 9-1, 4-6.

Abstract and Surrealist Art. Also Exhibition of Brazilian Architecture. Exhibit of the Month: "Yehuda-Haggada," illuminated Ashkenazic Passover Haggada, Bezalel Museum, 9-1, 4-6 p.m.

Paintings by Pinhas Abramovitz, Artists' House, 11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.

★ Tours:—
Hebrew University conducted tour, New Administration Building, King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta, 10 a.m.

★ Film Show: —
Keren Hayesod, for tourists and visitors, 11.30 a.m.

★ Inauguration: —
Opening of Queen Marabi Women's Organization Club by the President, Mrs. S. Herzog, Prof. J. Rivlin will speak on "Jewish Women in Jerusalem during the last century." 27 Rehov Ben Yehuda, 4.30 p.m.

TEL AVIV

★ Exhibitions:—
1) Compositions for Mosaic and architectural works by Z. Rubin. 2) 20th Century French Art (A. & R. Sacks Collection). Museum, daily 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Exhibition by Nine Artists at Art Pavilion, 9 Rehov Alharizi. Open daily 10-1 & 4-6. This is the last week.

★ Theatres:—
Cameri Theatre "Pygmalion" Cameri Theatre Hall, 8 p.m.

Habimah, "The Tea House of the August Moon," Habimah, 8 p.m.

Ohel, "Fun and Sympathy," Ohel Theatre.

HAIFA

★ Exhibitions:—
Reproductions of "Human faith in art," Municipal Museum, Town Hall.

★ Recorded Concert: —
Purcell: 4 Trio sonata. Dvorak: Symphony No.4; Conductor Bruno Walter, L.P. Records; Pevsner Hall, 8.15 p.m.

GEDERA

★ Theatre: —
Ohel, "Dangerous Corner."

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★ Theatre:—
Peiseach'ke Bronstein and Lilian Lax with Music and Song in the Revue: "Hot's Mir Und Zeit's Mir," Mograbi Hall, 9 p.m.

MIGDAL ASHKELON

★ Theatre: —
Cameri Theatre, "Cambian," 8.30 p.m.

PARDESS HANNA

★ Theatre:—
Habimah, "In the Plains of the Negev," 8.30 p.m.

RAMAT GAN

★ Theatre:—
Do-Re-Mi, "Hail to Savoy," well-known operetta. Hasan Hall, 8.45

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AT THE CINEMA

"NIGHT People" (Orion, J'lem), written, produced and directed by Nunnally Johnson, is uncommonly intelligent, absorbing and well photographed Cinemascope about espionage between East and West Berlin. There is no sign of cheap melodrama or "all-black and all-white" propaganda. Much of the action takes place at the famous Katakombe Cabaret.

Gregory Peck turns in an outstanding performance as the U.S. colonel. Broderick Crawford is the kidnapped boy's big-shot father, who has so many senators among his connections because he plays golf. Rita Gam and Anita Bjork are the ladies entangled with other night people. It is symptomatic that the end has a note inclined to reconciliation between the two former allies.

Old-fashioned Tearjerker

WE couldn't help laughing at the involuntary comicality of "No niego mi pasado" (Arnon, J'lem), a Mexican tearjerker topheavy with blackmailing, kidnapping, etc., all acted in the style we remember from the silent pictures of 40 years ago. Ninon Sevilla is the dancing star. The theme song, "C'est si bon," is orchestrated in the climax as if it were, say, the "Symphonie Fantastique." The only enjoyable part is the red-hot jazz piano duo.

FRANGO

Beautiful Photography

"APACHE" (Orion, T.A.), tells the story of Massai, who carried on a one-man war against the American Army after the surrender of Geronimo 70 years ago. Burt Lancaster (co-producer with Harold Hecht, whose "Marty" has just been awarded top prize at the Cannes Festival) is convincing as the last-ditch warrior, and Jean Peters is equally good as his faithful squaw. This colour film is always a pleasure to look at, with some beautiful outdoor photography, and the problems of the Indians as they face the inevitable march of civilization are sympathetically dealt with, the studio even leaning too far backwards at times.

Excellent Acting

DAVID Lean, who just 10 years ago directed the unforgettable "Brief Encounter," has returned to a somewhat similar theme in "The Passionate Friends" (Tamar, Tel Aviv), adapted by Eric Ambler from the H.G. Wells novel. His leading male star is again Trevor Howard, cast as a biology teacher caught up in a love affair with an old flame, Ann Todd, who has married for security.

There is some excellent acting by these two and Claude Rains — how many times has he played this part of the wronged husband? — and fine shots of London, but the plot develops too slowly and is a little oversentimental. Richard Addinsell contributes yet another of his highly distinctive musical scores.

J. L.

Historical Film

NO need to recount the plot of "The Egyptian" (Amphitheatre, Haifa). The whole world has read it and copies still flood the bookshops. Those who saw the silent "One Week" and "Cobbin" six times each in their childhood, have become sceptical about historical reconstruction, most of all when it depicts the Atenite schism nearly 2,500 years ago. It is difficult, however, to place oneself in the position of a younger and fresher generation — and "The Egyptian," in cinemascope, does have technicolor, crowds thronging busy streets, soldiers killing on scene, raping off scene, episodes in an inn (neither hot pilot nor royalty ever drink in this film; they quaff from goblets), in palaces in the house of a Babylonian courtesan whose skill in managing men will arouse the envy of every flapper.

In short, "The Egyptian" teems with life, movement and change of scene. There is a large cast — Victor Mature in Roman armour as the usurper, in a role which he seems to be destined for ever since "Samson and Delilah," Bella Darvi as the lady from Babylon, Jean Simmons as the devoted servant girl from the inn, Gene Tierney as the Princess, and Edward Purdom in the title part. Of all of them, two infuse the "little more" into their performances, Michael Wilding in an attempt to create a peace-loving, religious Pharaoh and Peter Ustinov as the Sancho Pansa-like slave.

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Cinemas

JERUSALEM
At 2.30, 5.45 and 9.45 p.m.
ARNON: "No Niego Mi Pasado."
EDEN: Rhapsody. 2nd week.
EDISON: Magnificent Obsession. 4th week.
ORNA: "Reyese e Mussolina."
ORION: Night People.
ORGIR: Public Enemy No. 1. 2nd week.
RON: The Adventures of Peter Pan.
STUDIO: Ditte, Child of Man. 2nd week.
TEL OR: The Outlaw.
SION HALL: Passover's Big Night.

TEL AVIV
At 2.30, 7.15 and 9.15 p.m.
ALLENBY: Call Me Madam.
CHEN: Hans Christian Andersen. 6th week.
ESTHER: Knights of the Round Table. 2nd week.
MATMID: Pastorale.
MOGRABI: The Violent Men.
OPHIR: Hill 24 Doesn't Answer. 9th week.
ORION: Apache.
RAMAH: The Passionate Friends. Also continuous from 9.45 a.m. to 1.45 p.m.
YAROM: "Le Mouton a Cinq Pattes," 2nd week.
ZAMIR: "L'Age de l'Amour," 8th week. Continuous from 10 a.m.: Sing Sing Riots.

HAIFA
PEER: Philtr.
GAL OR: Lusty Men, Hallowed Ground.
MORIAH: Torch Song.
AMPHITHEATER: The Egyptian.
ORAN: "Catana." 2nd week.
ARMON: Hill 24 Doesn't Answer. 3rd week.
ORLY: Genevieve.
EN-DOR: Fair Wind to Java.
ORION: Romeo and Juliet. 2nd week.
ATZMON: Reignbeau. 3rd week.

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Int'l Commerce Body Opens 15th Congress

TOKYO, Monday (Reuter). — M. Camille Gutt of Belgium today opened the 15th congress of the International Chamber of Commerce here, the first ever held in the Orient, with a call for the liberation of the "formidable productive capacity of Asia."

M. Gutt, President of the Chamber, said that there was apprehension of the unknown when they saw the new aspirations of 1,800 million people and who would soon, in Asia, number 2,000 million.

But there was also hope in the fact that a "powerful feeling carries them forward with the will to accomplish in a few years, what the old world took centuries to achieve."

More than 1,000 business leaders from America, Europe, Africa and Asia are attending the congress.

Israel's Success In Fighting T.B.

Israel's success in the treatment and care of tubercular immigrants was praised by Dr. B. Papanicolaou, of Greece, a U.N. expert on T.B. prevention, at a symposium in Jerusalem last week on U.N. Technical Assistance to Israel.

He deplored the local practice of mass-fluoroscopy in TB prevention. Some 80 per cent of suspected TB cases referred to his clinic by physicians turn out to be healthy after closer examination. Fluoroscopy should be replaced by mass-radiology which is more efficient and exposes the TB suspect to less radiation.

Miss Nancy A. Gray, of Canada, reported that the Haifa Port Authority, the Population Registration Office in Tel Aviv and the District Health Office in Jerusalem have been chosen as demonstration centres for the application of the new (Organization and Methods) scheme. The scheme is to be introduced by the Civil Service Commission with the assistance of Miss Gray, an Office Management expert. These units, which will be turned into model offices, have been chosen because they are, respectively, purely administrative and clerical; professional and clerical and, in the case of Haifa Port, the administrative part of a large enterprise working in close contact with many ministries, cooperations and firms as well as the public.

On Sunday, the Civil Service Commission began a course for 25 instructors who will, in turn, pass on their knowledge of the scheme to training supervisors in the Civil Service.

Miss Gray's original six-month assignment, which was to expire soon, has been extended at the request of the Civil Service Commission for a further half-year.

Helicopter Service To Jerusalem Forecast

The eventual establishment of a "heliport" in Jerusalem was forecast by Mr. R. Ashton, a British Civil Aviation expert who has been advising the Ministry of Transport since 1951. A regular helicopter service, he said, would be the most feasible and best adapted arrangement for air transport between Jerusalem and the coast.

All efforts are now being made to adapt our airport services to the handling of 6000 h.p. gas turbine engines which eventually will entirely replace the present 3000 h.p. piston engines.

The symposium, which was held in the lecture hall of the Evelina de Rothschild School, was chaired by Dr. C. Hart Schaaf, Resident Representative of the U.N. Technical Board in Israel.

ISRAEL WINS IN RHODESIA

SALISBURY, S. Rhodesia, Monday (Reuter). — The touring Israel table tennis team beat Southern Rhodesia 8-0 here on Saturday.

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A meeting of the Elections Committee for the Third Knesset, Beer-sheba Region, will take place today, May 17, 1955, at 2.30 at Beit Ha'hayal in Beersheba (and not in the Museum Hall, as stated in the invitations), on the agenda: Amendment on voting roll places, and membership of the Poll Committee.

Notices to the Public
The salesroom of the Philatelic Service, at 3 Rehov Pinsker, Tel Aviv, will be closed to the public because of repairs in the building, beginning Wednesday, May 18, 1955, until Wednesday, May 25, 1955, inclusive.

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THE WEATHER

FORECAST: Fair.

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Tiberias	70	12	27	35
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Natanya	63	13	22	31
Tel Aviv Port	77	14	22	31
Tel Aviv Kirya	69	13	23	32
Lydda Airport	72	13	26	37
Jerusalem	63	14	24	35
Beersheba	60	12	20	30
Eilat	71	21	26	36

*(A) Humidity at 3 p.m. (B) Minimum temp. (C) Maximum yesterday (D) Maximum temp. expected today

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29 CHARGE SHEETS were filed in the Jerusalem Municipal Court yesterday; 22 against hawkers who did not possess valid licences; 23 against youths who did not have licences, lights or bells for their bicycles; 11 against storekeepers who kept their shops open after the fixed closing hours; and 11 against hawkers or storekeepers who obstructed the free flow of pedestrian movement on sidewalks with pushcarts or by placing crates outside the shops.

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1,000 BABY CHICKS were burned to death on Sunday night when a brooder stove ignited a chicken coop in the Givat Shaul quarter of Jerusalem.

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FOR OPERATING their electric boilers outside regulation hours (10 p.m. to 6 a.m.) 69 domestic consumers have had their electricity disconnected as a penalty, the P.E.C. announced in Haifa yesterday.

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ONE HUNDRED representatives of the fire brigades in agricultural areas attended a conference in Tel Aviv yesterday to discuss the problems of fire-fighting in rural areas.

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FOR ATTEMPTING to injure his son by shooting at him with a Sten-gun, David Jamo, 44, of Aggur settlement in the Jerusalem Corridor, was yesterday given a one-year suspended sentence in the Jerusalem District Court by Judge M. Peretz.

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200 POLIO-STRICKEN children from the Tel Aviv area were treated to a marionette show at the Assaf Harofe Hospital in Sarafand yesterday. It was organised by the Polio Organization and financed by the management of the Dan Hotel.

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SHIMON MIHALOVSKY, 6, of Tel Hanan, Haifa, was seriously hurt when he fell off a lorry on which he had tried to climb and was run over by its back wheels, near his home yesterday afternoon. He was taken to the Rambam Hospital. The lorry driver was released on bail.

Girl Asking Exemption Refused Order

The Supreme Court sitting as the High Court of Justice yesterday in Jerusalem refused to grant an order nisi against the authorities at the request of a girl claiming exemption from Army service on religious grounds. The Court stated that it could not intervene in the decision of the Exemption Board which had judged the case on its merits.

Miss K. Mizrahi, 19, of Bat Yam, through her lawyer, Mr. H. Giloni, claimed that the Exemption Board had refused her request for a release, stating that she could serve in the religious branch of Nahal. He further pointed out that the Board had believed that she was claiming exemption on social welfare grounds, not religious.

The Court was composed of Justices Goitein, Sussman and Witkon. *(Hion)*

TOMATOES RATIONED

From today tomatoes will be rationed. The ration will be 250 grammes per person for 75 pruta a kilogram.

Rationing will continue until the tomato shortage is overcome and prices fall to a reasonable level on the free market. Farmers will receive a subsidy, the amount of which has not yet been determined.

RATION NEWS

JERUSALEM DISTRICT.

Eggs: three, Peh 12, temp. 5. Filled Chocolate: for children, Aleph, Bet, Gimmel cards one bar, no coupon. Sweetened cocoa: 150 grams for children Aleph, Bet cards, no coupon.

HAIFA AND NORTHERN DISTRICT.

Eggs: three, Peh 12, temp. 5. Poultry: for children, Aleph, Bet Gimmel cards, 500 grs. Peh 12 temp 40; Old people: 500 grs. Mem Heh 12; Expectant mothers, 750 grs. Heh 10. Eggs for meat: three. Tav Bet 17, temp. 24. Valencia oranges: Haifa only, 250 grs. Tav Aleph 24.

Expected Sensation at Haifa Town Council Fizzles; Work Goes On

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Monday. — The Town Council held one of its stormiest sessions tonight discussing the allegations made by a weekly magazine of "gangsterism" in the Municipality and shady dealings by municipal officials. After an hour of argument the Mapai, Mapam, Ahdut Ha'avoda and Religious coalition voted down an opposition motion demanding that an inquiry commission investigate the allegations and institute legal proceedings against the weekly, if they were found untrue.

Mayor Abba Khoushy opened the debate with a statement rejecting the weekly's "base libels" with disgust. The article was part of an electioneering campaign in "Haolam Hazeh" against "our achievement which the entire country is praising."

He said he would not argue with the accusations nor go to Court since a trial would drag on for years, which was all they wanted. He later said he had asked the State Controller to investigate the specific charges made by the weekly.

Dr. G. Kaminka, (Progressive) scored the method used by the management in the Town Hall. The door-keepers had searched employees on entering the building, within his sight, he said. The employees had met during working hours to urge violence against some of their colleagues.

Employees who had dared to speak their mind had been threatened, and municipal inspectors had tried to stop the sale of "Haolam Hazeh" by threatening the newsvendors. Some employees had tried to suppress the free expression of opinion among the employees and in the Press. He thought these attempts were inspired, because nothing happened in the Town Hall without higher sanction. He demanded an enquiry commission to report within one week on the allegations, and if they were false, legal steps should be taken.

Mr. E. Simmerman (General Zionist) said the article had endangered the municipality's good name and the Council should vote IL2,000 for legal proceedings.

Mr. M. Avniel (Herut) supporting the motion and reminded the Council that he had long ago demanded control of municipal staff by the Council, "instead of by the Histadrut."

The Mayor replied that the weekly's article was inspired by an interested party. As he could not be accused of having built himself a house or drawn an extravagant salary, he was accused of autocracy instead.

"We shall not be judged by the dregs of humanity," he said.

When the motions were defeated, the General Zionists left the meeting in protest against "the negation of Council authority to discuss and decide these issues."

As the Council passed to its regular business many persons in the crowded public benches started leaving the Hall and the Mayor asked them to leave quietly.

"You came to bring accusations but you did not get any," he said. The Council then got through a 75-paragraph agenda in an extremely calm atmosphere.

Nigeria and Holland Lead Exports List

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Monday. — The 4,360 tons of exports shipped through Haifa port during the past week were made up of 49 different articles, sent to 23 countries all over the world.

The week's biggest buyer was Nigeria, taking 1,389 tons, mainly cement and small quantities of citrus products and motor spare parts. Holland came next with 1,155 tons of tin scrap, scrap iron and spare parts, followed by Turkey with 708 tons of 22 different items. Cyprus bought one-half ton of false teeth, nearly a ton of chicken coops and 374 tons of cement.

The exports were again headed by cement, 1,810 tons to Nigeria and Cyprus, followed by 1,044 tons of scrap iron to Holland.

Sierra Leone appeared on the export list with 13 tons of car parts; Yugoslavia, 34 tons of tires and bananas; the U.S., two tons of raincoats; Argentina, 200 kg. of oils and 100 kg. of pencils; Aden, 800 kg. of razor blades and France with eight tons of vehicles.

Other items sent included ground nuts, plate glass, perfumes stoves, electrical goods, vehicles, stoves, cork products, raw wool, aluminium ware, shaving brushes, paints, penicillin, leather, tires India rubber, electric refrigerators, and kitchen utensils.

Film Festival For Haifa in June

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Beginning on June 23, Haifa will be host to a 10-day Israel film festival, the second to be held in this country.

The chairman of the Festival Committee, Mr. Yaakov Davidon, told newspaper film critics here today that the final list of films to be shown had not yet been drawn up, but that it would be available a fortnight before the opening date.

Public Backing Of Aero Club Asked

TEL AVIV, Monday. — A call for increased public support for the activities of the Aero Club of Israel, which is now celebrating the 20th anniversary of civil aviation and aero sports in Israel, is made by Mr. Y. Saphir, Minister of Communications, in the special anniversary issue of "Hatrufa," the Club's journal, which will be issued this weekend.

The founders of this Club "laid the foundations of our strength in the air, both civil and military," writes the Minister.

Water-Sufferers in T.A. Asked to Complain

Mr. Eliezer Peri, Mapai member of the Tel Aviv Municipality, has appealed to the citizens of Tel Aviv who suffer from chronic water shortage to send a letter of complaint to the Municipality giving details and to forward a copy to him.

This appeal contained in a letter sent to the Press yesterday constitutes Mr. Peri's reply to what he alleges to be the evasive answer of Mayor Haim Levanon at Sunday's Council meeting to his question regarding the measures that were intended to be taken to solve the water shortage experienced by thousands of upper-story residents in the town.

Mr. Levanon had claimed that the sufferers numbered only a few hundred who resided in new houses built in defiance of regulations to install tanks on the roofs, adding that he had received only a "few complaints."

"Tel Aviv residents seldom forward complaints to the Municipality regarding their water supply troubles, no doubt out of despair, since matters have dragged on for years without being remedied," writes Mr. Peri and appeals to all residents suffering from an interrupted water supply to send their written complaints to the Municipality and a copy to his address (P.O.B. 787) thereby clarifying "once and for all" the real number of such sufferers.

SHENKAR TRADES SCHOOL

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The Aryeh Shenkar Trades School in Ramat Gan will be completed this summer, in time for the next school term, Mr. Y. Bar-Natan announced here yesterday at a meeting of the Executive of the Manufacturers Association.

North Africa Immigrants Bring in IL 19 Each

HAIFA, Monday. — The 524 immigrants from North Africa who arrived here in the s.s. Golden Isles last Thursday brought an average of only IL19 in cash with them, besides a small quantity of personal belongings, it was learned here today.

Only one of the newcomers had any considerable property, IL4,700, which she had received as a legacy.

Altogether the immigrants changed 3,185,000 francs (IL14,740) including the 1.3m. francs (IL4,700) brought by the one woman.

To tide the immigrants over their first days in Israel, the Jewish Agency gives each newcomer IL2, besides household and kitchen utensils and a week's food supply.

600,000 Tons of German Goods Here

TEL AVIV, Monday. — A total of 600,000 tons of goods have arrived in Israel within the framework of the German Reparation agreement, since the beginning of its operation, excluding considerable quantities of fuel which were brought from British sources with Reparations funds, it was reported by the Shlumim Company here today.

An approximate total of 53,000 tons were imported up to March 31, 1955, as well as three 7,000-ton ships — Dagan, Tapuz and Yehuda — a floating dock and eight fishing boats.

Another 25,000 tons of merchandise is expected to arrive by June 15, including metals, chemicals, fertilizers, equipment and sugar.

H.U. GETS $25,000 FOR CANCER, POLIO RESEARCH

The sum of $25,000 has been bequeathed to the Hebrew University by Miss Lutie Goldstein of San Francisco, California, for cancer and polio research, Miss Goldstein, who died in April, had for years been deeply interested in the University and had made substantial contributions.

MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR HL EXECUTED

Memorial services for the fallen members of the LZL, and those executed by the Mandatory Government were held at Acre prison, and at the Shavei Sion and Safad cemeteries yesterday. Those present included Herut M.K.'s, former leaders and members of the LZL.

Berger Resigns As Jerusalem Engineer

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Jerusalem Municipal Commission yesterday accepted the resignation of Dr. Yehiele Berger, head of the Engineering Department, which he submitted some time ago.

Dr. Berger, who is retiring on full pension, is to continue working for another month at the Department to introduce the work systems and administration to Mr. Zvi Lelbovitz, head of the Water Supply Department, who is also to serve as head of the Engineering Department.

Dr. Berger, born in Vienna in 1902, came to this country in 1933 and was appointed Deputy City Engineer in 1938 and City Engineer in 1945.

He drew up the plans for many large buildings, especially in Haifa and Jerusalem. He was the first person to utilize sewage water for agricultural purposes in the Capital.

The Commission, with the agreement of the Ministry of Communications, adopted the following fare rises for Hamesubsher: a five-pruta rise on lines now charging 55 or 60 pruta; 10 for those charging 65, 70, 75, 80, 85; 15 for those charging 90, 95, 100, 105, 120; 20 for those charging 130, 140, 145, 150 and 25 for those charging 170. Hamesubsher has not yet agreed to this schedule.

The Commission also decided:

- To continue discussions with the Workers Committee on the dismissal of 40 employees as an "efficiency move." Those discharged are to retire on pension or to receive compensation;
- To fix numbers on houses "street after street" and charge the householders the IL3 fee;
- To pave the short stretch of road near the Tel Or cinema;
- To provide 30 carts this week for street cleaners; and
- To accept the offer of a Natanya firm to put up 500 small trash cans on posts. The firm, which is to use the outside of the cans for advertising, is to pay the city for the concession.

FIRST GRAPES PICKED

The picking of the first fruit of the grape harvest was started on a small scale in some Jordan valley settlements yesterday. The fruit has already been marketed. The harvest will start in earnest during the next few days.

Five Jerusalem Prizes Set Up

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Jerusalem Municipality is to award five Jerusalem Prizes, each of IL500, this July in five different fields, the Municipal Commission meeting in Jerusalem decided yesterday.

The Einstein Prize will be awarded for science; the David Yellin prize for Judaism; the Rav-Kook prize for religion; a prize for a work on Jerusalem itself, and one for art (painting or sculpture).

Nine Israeli Scouts To Attend Jamboree

Nine Israeli Boy Scouts have been chosen to represent this country at the eighth International Scout Jamboree which opens in Niagara Falls, Canada, on August 16.

This is Israel's first delegation to the two-week international event, whose participants include Scouts from the Arab blue countries. Prior to the Jamboree, the delegation — which includes one Arab Christian and one Arab Moslem — will spend six weeks in the U.S. as guests of the U.S. Scout Association and the Israel Consulate in New York. At the Jamboree the group will demonstrate Israel songs and dances in addition to local Scout practices.

Mr. Evi Keren, veteran scout leader of Kibbutz Hatzerim, will head the group which consists of Mr. Arieh Loya, of Jerusalem, as assistant leader; Moshe Ben Ya'acov, of Jerusalem; Rami Arbitman, of Haifa; Moshe Efroni, of Netanya; Dan Eak, of Tel Aviv; Nadav Katzenelson, of Ramat Gan; and Naim Hasan Abdullah Mansour, of Tira, in the "Triangle."

The group was chosen from 35 candidates by a committee of representatives from the Education and Foreign Affairs Ministries, the Scout Association and the Friends of Scouting. The nine delegates will gather on June 1 at the Louise Waterman Wise Hostel in Jerusalem for a one week orientation seminar. They will sail for the U.S. on June 12.

The delegation represents the 10,000-member Israel Boy and Girl Scouts Federation, which is made up of the Israel, Israel Catholic, Israel Arab, Druse and State Schools scouting organizations.

No Bus Fare Increases Till All Issues Settled

Bus fares will not rise till all outstanding issues are settled between the Ministry of Transport and the bus companies. Instead, the bus companies will receive a Government subsidy equivalent to the rise originally authorised by the Economic Ministerial Committee but regarding which no action is to be taken until the Cooperatives submit a detailed retrenchment plan to guarantee a balancing of their budgets in the future.

This was accepted by the representatives of the bus cooperatives at a meeting held in Jerusalem yesterday with Mr. Joseph Saphir, Minister of Transport.

The granting of the subsidy, which is effective from last Sunday, was decided on by the Rohtar Committee in order to give ample time for full discussion of the issues, and will remain in force till the question is finally settled.

ART AND MUSIC CAMPS FOR YOUTH

Summer art and music camps for boys and girls aged 14 to 17 are to be opened at the Louise Waterman Wise Hostel in Jerusalem and the Teachers Seminary in Givat Hashlosha on June 26, it is learned from the Ministry of Education's Youth Department.

A public committee is to be set up to raise scholarship funds for needy and talented youth who wish to participate in the two week programmes. Dr. Y. Meyuhas, Director of the Department, told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

While both camps will give classes in painting, sculpture, crafts, music, dance and the drama, the Jerusalem camp will concentrate on the plastic arts while the Givat Hashloshe camp will concentrate on music dance and drama. Teachers will be drawn from leading professionals and educators in the various fields.

The second session in the Givat Hashloshe camp will be devoted to an experimental programme of nature and technical studies. Campers will study the plant life of the area or take part in electricity, radio or aeronautics classes.

Candidates must apply in writing to the Department, P.O.B. 292, Jerusalem.

Nahariya Woman, 58, Killed by Motorcycle

NAHARIYA, Monday. — Mina Alterovitz, 58, was killed early this afternoon when a motorcycle knocked her down just outside this town. The driver, A. David, of Nahariya, was detained and released on bail. The body of the victim was transferred to the Rambam hospital in Haifa.

WOMAN DIES IN FALL

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Mrs. Lena Teitler, 60, was fatally injured when she leapt or fell from the roof of her home in Rehov Ha'alei Malacha here this morning. She died on the way to Municipal Hospital.

The police suspect suicide.

National Body of Israel-UK Group Formed

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV, Monday. — A national organisation of the 18-month old Israel and British Commonwealth Association was formed at the first general meeting of all three branches of the body at the Z.O.A. House here this evening. This was followed by the annual general meeting of the local group.

Mr. F. M. Jacobs, Chairman of the Haifa branch, reported that it had more than 200 members. In Jerusalem there were now nearly 120, the Chairman there, Mr. Y. Brin, stated. The membership in Tel Aviv had increased from 140 to 300 in the past year, said Mr. A. Epstein, Honorary Secretary of the branch.

The interest The Jerusalem Post had shown in the work of the association was praised by Mr. Epstein and Mr. M. Silverstone, the outgoing Chairman in Tel Aviv.

Mr. M. Seligman was elected Chairman of the Tel Aviv branch and Mr. E. H. Sassoon, M.E., Vice-Chairman.

Pharmacist Held On Prescription Charge

On charges of negligently filling a prescription with the wrong medicine which aggravated the condition of a patient, a Kupat Holim pharmacist was yesterday arrested by Jerusalem police.

The patient, Mr. Israel Warshavsky, 54, of the Mesillat Israel quarter, complained of feeling bad after taking the medicine and a test showed that the prescription had not been properly filled.

Jerusalem Inspectors To Ambush Bill-Stickers

None of Jerusalem's 13 political parties has yet agreed to pay its share of the IL3,000 required to put up 11 billboards to which they will confine their Knesset electioneering.

The Municipality spokesman announced yesterday that the city intended to enforce its ban on defacing private houses and fences with election posters.

Those pasting up the posters would be "ambushed" by Municipal inspectors and charged in court with violating the by-law. The parties themselves would be fined if the paste was still wet and they may be whitewashed if the paste was dry.

20 Jobless Raid Zichron Histadrut

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HADERA, Monday. — Twenty Hebrew Ta'asuv labourers entered the Histadrut building there today at opening time in the morning and without any warning proceeded to smash chairs, windows and tables, tear pictures off the walls, scatter books from the library and generally turn the new premises into a shambles.

Some of the knockers carried sticks. Damage is estimated at several thousand pounds.

The police arrived within a few minutes and caught none of the intruders. They are now undergoing interrogation and will be brought before a magistrate tomorrow.

The rioters are reported to be unemployed labourers who nevertheless have continually refused work in agriculture. This morning they came to the labour exchange and prevented other unemployed from registering.

Among the detained is an employee of the labour exchange, allegedly a member of Mapam, whose continued employment there is under consideration. Also in custody is a member of the local Mapam Secretariat. Most of the detained are said to be members of Herut who do not belong to the Histadrut.

Number of Jobless Rises Slightly

The average daily number of unemployed rose by 250 to 3,500 in the week ending May 6, the Ministry of Labour revealed yesterday. The increase was credited to the end of the picking season in citrus groves.

The principal centres of unemployment were Haifa with 1,260; Tel Aviv, 1,215; Jerusalem, 771; Petah Tikva, 585; Ramat Gan, 485; and Rishon Lezion, 450.

Doctors Ask Action

Mr. J. Serlin, Minister of Health, told representatives of state-employed physicians yesterday that he could take no action on wage demands until he had received both the recommendations of the Guri Committee and the decision of the Cabinet. It was learned from the Ministry of Health yesterday.

The physicians met with Mr. Serlin in Jerusalem to press their demands for a speedy decision on the question of salary increases. They stated that they would not be able to hold out much longer against the pressure of their colleagues, who were demanding active steps to back up their demands.

Mother Detained For Abandoning 4 Children

On suspicion of abandoning her four children, aged three to 12, in the offices of the Social Welfare Department in Jerusalem, Mrs. Yochevet Kandle, 26, of Jerusalem, was yesterday detained by police.

She allegedly abandoned the children after the Department refused to help pay for their upkeep. A neighbour of hers agreed to take in the children pending her release. *(Etam)*

NEW ROUTES PLANNED FOR CARS IN PORT

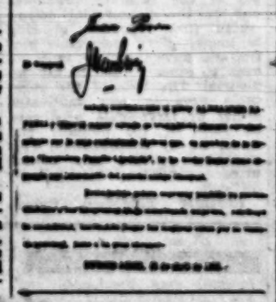
Vehicular traffic in Haifa Port is to be rerouted next month with the introduction of traffic lights and a series of new traffic regulations. This action is being taken on the recommendation of a committee appointed by the Port Management about half a year ago.

Some of the traffic lights have already been installed, but are not yet in use. In addition a number of parking lots have been marked and instruction pamphlets are to be published for pedestrians and drivers.

Peron Thanks Jerusalem Pencils

In a personal letter to Dr. A. Rafaeli, General Juan Peron, President of the Argentine Republic, expressed thanks for an olive-wood box of pencils which were presented to Dr. Manguel, Argentine Ambassador to Israel, on the occasion of his visit to the factory in January.

Argentina, which topped the export list last year, has again lodged large orders for pencils for the current year.



News-Hungry

CALCUTTA, Monday. — Mr. Krishna Dutta Bhatt, assistant editor of the Hindu morning newspaper "Bashumoyi" in Pakistan, announced today that he will begin a "fast unto death" tomorrow as a protest against what he said was delay and discrimination in payment of his salary.

The Working Journalists Union, of which Mr. Bhatt is former Secretary-General, recommended him on his course, group stand against injustice. It asked the Government and the newspaper's management to "avert the impending tragedy."

In New York, Mr. Cedric Hofrage, British-born editor awaiting deportation because of his alleged leftist activities, today ended a hunger strike he began on Friday when he was ordered to the House of Detention. Mr. Hofrage has charged discriminatory treatment. He is to appear in court tomorrow. *(Reuter, UPI)*

KAMINSKY'S SKETCHES CHEERED IN ZURICH

ZURICH, Monday (UP). — Roaring applause shook the Tonhalle Auditorium last night as a tribute to the performance of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra under the baton of Mr. Paul Kletzki.

Brahms' 4th symphony, a suite of Israel sketches by Kaminski, Honegger's symphony for strings and Weber's Oberon overture were followed by the Swiss National anthem and Hatikvah.

The audience paid special tribute to Maestro Kaminski, composer of the Israel sketches, who played in the 60-piece Orchestra.

DINUR RECEIVES MEXICAN FLAG

The Mexican flag was presented to Dr. Benzion Dinur, Minister of Education, by Dr. D. Schutgasser in the name of 350 teachers and 1,100 pupils of Mexican Hebrew schools at a special ceremony at the Minister's office in Jerusalem yesterday.

Both the Minister and Dr. Schutgasser referred to the ideals of justice and freedom symbolised in their respective flags and looked forward to continued close relations between the two countries.

COMMUNITY CENTRE IN TIBERIAS

TIBERIAS, Monday. — A community centre was opened in the Amidar quarter here today, and dedicated to Nazism's victims in Jermolinitz, Ukraine. The $50,000 centre was financed by men who were born in the township and are now residents of the U.S., mainly of New York. It includes a kindergarten, a clinic, an infant welfare station, and a synagogue.

TRANSFER OF PATIENTS IN SCHWEITZER HOSPITAL

Schweitzer Hospital patients in Tiberias are to be transferred to the newly-built 120-bed hospital in Poriah at the end of this week. The Tiberias building is to be made over into a dormitory for nurses.

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Cables in Brief

RADIOPHONE. — A radiotelephone service was inaugurated yesterday linking Ghana and the Lebanon, operated by the Cable Wireless Company in Nigeria and Radio Orient in Beirut.

DIE. — The well-known Egyptian film star, Anwar Wajdi, 41, died in a Stockholm hospital on Sunday night, after an operation for a stomach ailment.

PEKING. — Indian Trade Union delegates who attended May Day celebrations in Peking said here discussions with the All-China Federation of Trade Unions said in Moscow that "workers in China were not free to the Indians understood the word."

KILLED. — A mentally unbalanced former known to be a crack shot and about to be sent to a mental hospital, shot and killed the Kfar sheriff in Gonzbrick, Texas, from his barricaded house, before he was overpowered. The man, M. J. Dunn, withstood a five-hour siege by police.

TRUST. — The Jordan Education Ministry has reported that 50 students from medical colleges in France will next month visit Jordan, the Lebanon, Syria, Greece, Yugoslavia and Italy. The visit is intended to strengthen relations between France and the Middle East.

ENVOY. — The first German Ambassador to Britain since 1938, Mr. Hans Herwarth, arrived in London yesterday. He said he believed a "new era of relationship between Britain and Germany is about to begin."

TESTING. — Britain has begun to pour millions of pounds into the heart of Australia in order to create a new permanent testing ground for atomic devices, the Australian Supply Ministry said yesterday.

NATO. — The 15 Ambassadors who carry the day-to-day business of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, have arrived in Norfolk, Virginia, on their first visit to the U.S. to inspect the headquarters of Admiral Wright, Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic.

PRODUCTION. — The Commerce Department said that total production in the U.S. rose by 40m. to a new annual rate of $270,000m. during the first three months of this year.

MINERS. — A group of 23 Greek sailors arrived in Charleroi, Belgium, from Greece yesterday to begin work as miners in pits in the Charleroi mining region. They are the first of several thousand immigrants who will work as miners.

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Economic News from Abroad

Holland's Progress

● Holland's statistics for the ten years of its liberation from Nazi occupation show that in 1953 the real national income per capita was 35 per cent higher than in 1946 and 18 per cent higher than in 1938. The Dutch industry increased its production in 1954 to almost 140 per cent over the 1948 level, and the percentage of imports covered by exports was 85 per cent compared with 74 before World War II. Household consumption is expected to be nine per cent above the 1953 level in 1955, and gross fixed investments 11 per cent.

Japan's Deflation Works

● The radical deflationary policy of the Japanese Government did not fail to have its effect on the balance of payments, which turned from a deficit of $313m. in 1953/54 to a surplus of $344m. in the year ending on March 31. Imports declined by 12 per cent, while exports rose by 28 per cent. The pace of Japanese economic expansion has been slowed down, however. National production increased by four per cent only in the past financial year, compared with 16 per cent in 1953/54.

U.S. Economy at Record Level

● The U.S. gross national production has reached $369,800m. annually and is only slightly below the 1953 record. Disposable personal income is actually at a record level. Economists are of the opinion that the expansion, which started in the automobile and housing industries, is now sufficiently broadly based and strongly supported by consumers' spending to last for a long time and to make 1955 the best year in American history. It is even held that some mild brakes should be applied in order to prevent excessive expansion. Thus, after the recent rise in the Federal Reserve discount rate (from 1.5 to 1.75 per cent) and the slight increase in stock margins, credit terms for housing have also been tightened somewhat. Residential building activity is now running at a rate of 1.4m. houses a year, and in many cases mortgage loans are given in excess of the actual price of the house so as to cover the "settlement costs," i.e., the charges for documents, surveys, etc.

China's Industrialisation

● China's industrial production, although still relatively low, has increased considerably in the past few years. Tentative estimates put electric power output in 1954 at 11,000m. kwh (compared with 7,000 in 1952), crude steel production at 2.2m. tons (1.4m.) and coal output at 82m. tons (65m.). During the next three years or so, the output of steel is expected to rise by more than 100 per cent and power production by one-third. About 900 major factories and plants are to be built or expanded (156 with Soviet assistance).

The Electric P-1 interceptor fighter is the first British aircraft to exceed the speed of sound in level flights and does so without reheat or any other form of power boosting. (Express Photo)

PRODUCTIVITY DRIVE IN ISRAEL

By MOSHE GERTZBERG

ISRAEL could not absorb her record immigration without greatly expanding production both for consumption and for export. In view of our inadequate economic resources, this in turn was impossible unless productivity were raised.

But in this field, the appeal of the leadership to the nation was at first met with indifference, and often with a great deal of sarcasm. Mutual distrust accounted for it, and ignorance. These had to be attacked by an educational drive, which could successfully be undertaken only as a joint effort of the Government, labour, and management.

After a serious start by the Histadrut and the Association of Engineers and Architects, lengthy negotiations led, in November 1952, to an agreement to establish the Productivity Institute of Israel. The Institute is attached to the Ministry of Labour but is controlled by a Board of Directors composed of representatives of the Histadrut, the Manufacturers Association, the Ministries of Labour and Commerce and Industry, and the Association of Engineers and Architects.

The sincere cooperation of all the representatives on this heterogeneous body inspired the rank-and-file at the shop level, management and labour relinquishing their suspicion gradually and recognizing that productivity was their common concern. This positive attitude found its expression, at enterprise level, in the creation of Joint Productivity Committees, on which the representatives of both sides sit to improve the efficiency of the firm.

The Committees are guided and assisted by special departments of the Histadrut and the Manufacturers Association, as well as by a joint Central Committee composed of an equal number of representatives of the two. Technically, the Joint Productivity Committees are assisted by the Productivity Institute, which has sent several hundred Committee members to various courses and has recently inaugurated a special training programme. Two thousand workers and foremen have been provided so far with the analytical tools and the know-how to study existing production methods and to look for ways and means to improve them.

Kaplan Prize

Suggestions for improvements are being sent in to the Committees—among whose functions it is to analyse and endorse them — in ever-increasing numbers. Three sets of incentives operate to encourage the worker to submit them: for six months after his suggestion has been implemented, he is entitled to half of the savings that accrue to the firm as a result; each year, the Committees suggest candidates for the Eliezer Kaplan Productivity Prize, which is awarded by the Ministry of Labour and administered by the National Productivity Institute; and each year the Histadrut awards a Labour Prize for achievement in efficiency.

The Joint Productivity Committee's exclusive jurisdiction in the field of incentive pay is unique the world over. In such countries as Britain or Sweden, from which we have imported the Productivity Council system, the Committees are becoming places for settling grievances and discussing welfare activities. In Israel, on the other hand, they concern themselves primarily with real production problems. Besides suggesting method improvements, they supervise work measurements and fix job standards and premiums.

The incentive wage system, which relates wages directly to output, was conceived to raise the interest of the worker in productivity by giving him a just share of its fruits, but it also makes demands on the employer. Whereas time rates tend to make workers indifferent to output, and piece rates tend to release management from its responsibilities and perpetuate existing methods, the incentive system increases management's accountability for the planning and organization of production and keeps both sides alert to the possibility of constant improvement.

Time was when incentive wages were a matter of improvization and bargaining between the interested parties. They still are, abroad. In Israel, they are based on objective work measurement, carried out on the basis of sound industrial engineering principles and techniques endorsed by the Committees. Moreover, in order to stimulate productivity and avoid the crystallisation of old processes, the work measurement is preceded by thorough methods analysis and improvements. After the output norms, on which the incentive scheme relies exclusively, are established and generate a sound increase in productivity, new improvements are continuously sought and encouraged.

Noticeable Results

This process is remarkable because it represents unique social and political engineering, labour, management, and the Government cooperating harmoniously in its implementation. The Government assists the drive — and controls it — by a law which grants considerable income tax allowances on output above norms, provided the norms are based on work measurement techniques endorsed by the Productivity Institute (which is entrusted with the technical administration of the law).

This unparallelled approach to wage policy and engineering of its implementation has already achieved substantial results in Israel. In evolving it, the Productivity Institute has been guided by several principles.

● Our main concern in productivity must be the development of the unlimited potentialities of our manpower, because other productive factors, such as raw materials, equipment, fuel, and foreign investment, must at least for the time being remain outside the scope of our control.

● The task of raising productivity in Israel is so great that no one can be charged with exclusive responsibility for it and no one can be excluded from sharing in it. It must be the concern of employers, managers, foremen, engineers, technicians, cost accountants and workers. The Institute is also looking for ways of introducing industrial engineering principles and techniques into the curriculum of vocational education and of popularizing them among our young men.

● It is senseless to restrict our efforts solely to industry, and even more so to export industries. There is no use in promoting efficiency in the factory if the worker has to foot the bill for inefficiency in agriculture, housing, transport, distribution, social and government services, etc. The activities of the Institute are tending to expand into non-industrial fields.

Institute's Programme

● To stimulate the capacities of local personnel and exploit human potentialities, the Institute has abstained from extending direct services over protracted periods to individual factories. Instead, it trains personnel and assists them in carrying out practical projects. This instructs the trainee, boosts productivity at his place of work, and provides concrete examples of what can be done. Incidentally, this policy of abstaining from direct Institute investigations into the work of the individual factory has encouraged demand for the services of consultant companies, which now number more than a dozen and employ about 60 engineers.

The Institute has evolved a wide network of education and publicity, organizing hundreds of lectures in factories, holding regional and trade conferences, issuing films, pamphlets and posters, sponsoring wireless programmes and a question-and-answer service, publishing a monthly paper, a quarterly journal, and a technical digest.

Israel's productivity drive is following a pattern that has been praised highly by international institutions and personalities, some of which, such as the International Labour Office, the U.N. Technical Assistance Administration, and the U.S. Operations Mission, have lent it valuable help. Its further sound development requires much more substantial support on behalf of the Government, as well as the creation of proper conditions for the dynamic activities of the Productivity Institute, which is its mainspring.

TNUVA SHOPS PLAN SHELVED

TNUVA'S plan to open its own shops for agricultural produce, in particular for vegetables, has been shelved for the time being in view of the stiff opposition displayed by the consumers' cooperatives, it is learned. The shops had been intended as an experimental measure to try and control the margin of profits exacted by private vegetable retailers. The cooperatives claim, however, that public control of retail trade should be exercised through their country-wide network and that Tnuva should confine its activity to wholesale marketing.

A subsidiary consideration in shelving the scheme has been the capital investment required. Tnuva is hard pressed because of the rapid increase in agricultural output, which needs additional storage space, marketing facilities, processing plants, etc. In the current year, Tnuva's investments will amount to about IL2.5m. instead of IL8m. that had been planned. Out of this, IL1.25 to IL1.4m. will be raised by members' shares (in specified percentages of the proceeds realised by each farm) and the rest from long and medium-term loans.

TAYA EXPANSION

"THE 100 per cent increase in Taya's export market from 1953 to 1954 is the main reason for the expansion of the factory's capacity by 50 per cent by means of machinery and equipment to be imported through German Reparations," Mr. Meshulam Ginegar told the Press at the Tel Aviv cosmetics factory.

Until 1948, Taya, which is 22 years old, had exported a good deal to the neighbouring countries. Forces to cast around for new fields, it has established relations with large cosmetics firms abroad, producing and marketing their commodities in places which they themselves are unable to reach.

Today, two-thirds of the plant's production is exported. Last year was a peak year, with IL382,000 worth of exports, mainly toothpaste, eau de cologne, shampoos, lipsticks and face creams.

"Most raw materials have to be imported," Mr. Ginegar said, "and it is impossible to stock up on many of the commodities we need."

Stocks and Commodities

Tel Aviv Mood Satisfactory

DESPITE a few drops, the mood on the Stock Market during the week under report can be described as satisfactory. In various sections the demand for a number of securities brought prices to generally higher levels. Non-linked Government bonds had a good week, while Bank Leumi shares advanced by more than 10 points. Among the gains were I.L.D.C., Africa Pal. Investments, Pal. Potash Pref., Ata, Lodzia (which advanced sharply), Palestine Cold Storage which continued its advance, Nesher debentures and others. On the other hand some offers of Tavel Dollar brought prices down by some 13 pruta. Losses of up to two points were recorded at Palestine Electric Pref., Potash ordinary and Moller-Dee. Palestine Brewery debentures have gone ex-coupon, due June 1.

Slump in Paris After Two Years

A SHARP break was noted on the Paris stock exchange. After more than two years of constantly rising markets, prices on the Bourse receded between 20 and 25 per cent from the previous week's level. Stock exchange officials gave two reasons for the slump. Prices had risen above their true dividend value and a readjustment was necessary, they said, adding that the political revival of Mendes-France gave rise to fears that next year's general election might bring a left-wing government into power. An improvement was noted towards week's end but an easy tendency continued to prevail.

New York Recovers Slightly

AFTER four successive days of continued selling, for which the slump on the French stock exchange was mainly blamed, a slight recovery set in at week-end. Some Wall Street quarters thought that there would be no cause for alarm if prices eased still further, provided the turnover did not become considerably larger. The boosting of the stock margins to 70 per cent in late April resulted in a drop in trading volume of close to 25 per cent. The Dow-Jones Average for 30 Industrials was 419.97

London Confident and Firm

ALTHOUGH confidence in a Conservative victory on May 26 has grown with the results of the borough elections, investors are not yet sufficiently certain to take any very great risks. However, steel shares, which are likely to be particularly affected by the election results have been reasonably firm for the week as a whole. In general, markets have been quietly firm. German Loans have once again been extremely active and much of the buying is thought to have come from the Continent. The break on the French stock exchange has caused selling of copper shares. Reuter's Daily Index for industrials was 220.7 as against 217.7 last week.

GOLD — Rises in Alexandria

The price of gold bars advanced by three per cent in terms of Egyptian currency in Alexandria, and the quotation for gold sovereigns jumped by as much as 11 per cent within a few days. The explanation given in Alexandria is that this rise was caused by the steps the British authorities have been taking to stop minting sovereigns in Italy. This hypothesis is considered invalid by commentators. Egypt's troubles with the export of cotton, which constitutes three-quarters of her total export earnings, and the need to encourage foreign investors, may justify the rumours about an impending devaluation of the Egyptian pound.

In Paris the gold market was subjected to heavy selling to cover the losses sustained by operators on the stock market. The London gold price was 250/32d per fine ounce, reflecting the earlier easier trend in sterling.

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Tel Aviv Stock Market

MAY 16.

Pop. Loans 1949/49 (IL.10)	109½
4½% Tavel Dollar 1(y)	1370
3½% Gov. Bds. (large)	97½
4% Reg. Sterling "A" c)	95
4% Reg. Sterling "B"	95½
Pal. Reserve Bds. Ser. 2	104
Rh. Leumi ord. sh. (i)	280
A.P.B. Investim. ord. sh. "B" c)	110½
Gazit ord. sh. "B" c)	102½
Hilera's Inv. ord. "B"	167½
P.E.C. Inv. ord. "B" sh.	101
Gen. Mortg. Bk. ord. sh.	[illegible]
Hinar 4% debs. 55/65	[illegible]
Mir 4% Debs. (bear)	[illegible]
5% pref. sh.	74
Paz 4% debs. 60/64 reg	[illegible]
"Tavo" 5% debs.	[illegible]
I.L.D.C. ord. sh. reg.	126
5% debs.	[illegible]
Adr. Pal. Inv. ord. sh.	77
Hamas 6% pref. ord sh.	[illegible]
Pal. Potash 6% pref. sh.	[illegible]
"A" ord. shares	[illegible]
Pal. Elec. ord. (Jer.)	—
Pal. Elec. pref. sh. (Lim)	[illegible]
Hakarem pref. sh.	[illegible]
Ata ord. "B" sh.	[illegible]
6-5% conv. debs.	[illegible]
"Kardanah" ord. "B" sh	[illegible]
7% conv. debs. 55/65	[illegible]
Moller-Dee ord. sh. reg.	[illegible]
Pal.-Brewery 6% con. sh.	[illegible]
Assis Bejarano "B" sh.	[illegible]
"Tuvo" ord. sh.	119
Nesher 6% debs. "A"	[illegible]
6% deb. "B" (Lin)	[illegible]
Pal. Cold St. 7% debs. (i)	[illegible]
ord. sh. reg.	[illegible]
Pal. Cemt. Pr. 5% debs.	[illegible]

Notes: a) purchasing price; b) selling price; c) ex-coupon; d) ex-dividend; e) ex right; f) Jerusalem 15.5/15.15

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'Metah' to Guide the New Settler in the Lachish Area

By Our Economic Correspondent

IT is with mixed feelings that the Israel public will receive the news, reported elsewhere on this page, about the proposed establishment of a central authority for agricultural development. The plan will certainly be welcomed as another step towards a unified economic command and a victory of long-range planners over vested interests and separatist tendencies. But at the same time the uninitiated will ask why it should have taken seven years to take this step, and why we are still without a proper planning and controlling body in this vital branch of economic development.

HUSBANDING LAND AND WATER

It is not unnatural that economic research and theoretical planning have advanced in agriculture incomparably more than in the other fields, seeing that mistakes made in putting the basic elements of land and water to use are almost always irreparable, for they result in the actual destruction of part of this country's limited natural resources.

Thus, sprawling housing estates and suburbs have already deprived us of large areas of potential farmland and in particular of a considerable part of the soil most suitable for the expansion of citrus groves. In several sections of the Central Coastal Plain, in particular in the Hefer and Carmel districts, overpumping has rendered the water-bearing strata saline, reducing our irrigation potential, and faulty siting or planning of settlements is threatening to rob us of many thousands of dunams of excellent arable land.

If the various settlement agencies have been relatively careless in respect to this whole question, it is because of optimistic estimates, which promised almost unlimited agricultural expansion during the next decade or so if only the necessary capital and human resources could become available. These prospects have not been confirmed by surveys undertaken under expert scientific guidance. It is now pretty certain that the reality is a good deal less pleasant than we had assumed.

Instead of 2,000m. cu.m. and more, planners now expect a total irrigation potential approximating 1,500m. cu.m., and out of the potential arable area, too, a sizable portion will be cultivable only if special care is taken to prevent erosion. To that end, farming must be confined to grazing or to arboriculture, and small holdings and traditional mixed farming methods avoided at all costs.

This still leaves us considerable room for increasing our agricultural output along the lines adopted in the Seven-Year Development Programme and for absorbing thousands of additional settlers, but only if utmost economy and efficiency prevail over all other considerations. Under conditions of scarcity, freedom of choice and use must necessarily be limited. Many traditional farming concepts and habits will have to be dropped, and to ensure this, planning has to step out of the realm of research and persuasion and must be given the executive powers it has lacked hitherto.

"METAH" (Mifalei Ta'asuka Haklait), the moshav movement enterprise designed to help new settlers who are unable to run their farms, recently decided to begin its activities in the Lachish area without waiting to see whether the immigrants there can do without its assistance.

Metah was founded when the moshav movement learned that roughly 15 per cent of our new settlers are unable to manage their holdings even after several years and despite the efforts of the instructors of the Jewish Agency. Metah proceeded to manage land which was not being worked properly or not worked at all. In this respect, it resembled Yitzur Ufituah, the company established by the Ihud Hakvutzot Vehakibbutzim, which takes over where the collectives have more land than they can farm with their own members.

The Settlement Department of the Jewish Agency helps Metah to select the villages which it will help. In the contracts which it signs with the settlers, it undertakes to provide water, seeds, fertilizers and implements, and the settler pledges himself to do the work assigned to him properly. He receives a wage and is, in fact, relieved of his responsibility as an independent farmer. For, in case there is not enough income from the farm despite his efforts, the loss is borne by the society.

How Metah Works

Metah began its work in nine Negev villages with a combined population of 450. In 1954, it worked 3,200 dunams of irrigated land and 1,000 dunams of grain. In 1955, its activities were extended to 14 villages with 745 settlers, and the number of dunams taken over more than doubled. In the beginning, Metah planted mainly vegetables. Last year, industrial crops were introduced and production rose.

Metah enlists the services of experienced settlers and of a number of instructors, and considerable funds are allotted to its work. The Settlement Department of the Jewish Agency provided 40 per cent of the working capital. The Employment Centre of the Histadrut helped with funds earmarked to create jobs. This enabled the society to pay "wages" in time and to meet its obligations. The first year's deficit is not surprising since the villages that were chosen for Metah help were the least promising and needed it most.

With the decision to begin work in the Lachish area, Metah takes on a new and different task. It had tried to help and instruct only in those places where the settlers did not succeed. Its activities were designed to prevent the settlers from abandoning the village, drifting to the towns and wasting valuable soil and equipment. It stepped in only when the work of the instructors of the Jewish Agency proved to no avail and only long after the villages had been founded. In addition to giving instruction and equipment, they had to repair considerable damage wrought by several years of inexperience, idleness and suffering.

Need for Cooperation

Now that Metah is starting work at the very beginning, these drawbacks are eliminated. The settler will no longer be on his own, relying solely on the help of the Jewish Agency instructor, though of course Metah's success will depend among other things on its cooperation with the instructors.

It has often been found that the transfer of completely inexperienced people to agriculture made demands on them which they were unable to meet. Things would have gone more smoothly if it had been possible to train would-be settlers as hired workers for a transition period and to make them shoulder the heavy burden of a complete farm only after they had acquired indispensable knowledge and know-how. The administrative farms of Yitzur Ufituah help to provide such training possibilities, but they are not likely to be split up among the workers.

Metah's administration and instruction, on the other hand, is directed for this very purpose, for handing back the small farm to the individual settler when he is able to run it. The enterprise measures its success by the speed with which the settler becomes independent of it. It estimates this period at no less than two or three years. This is not too long if we take into account the complete inexperience of the villager, the varying conditions of soil and climate and the many experiments which have to be carried out in order to make new villages a going concern.

Mild Weather Favours Vegetable Crops

From a Special Correspondent

DESPITE the reduced area under potatoes this year (15-20 per cent less than a year ago), the total crop is expected to approximate that of 1954 because of the favourable weather. Large quantities of potatoes, therefore, will again be put into cold storage in order to prevent a glut on the market during the crop-lifting months and will extend the period of domestic supply until late autumn, when the winter crop may altogether obviate imports. The storage expenses will again be borne by the Vegetables Price Stabilization Fund, which also guarantees the farmers IL160 per ton of potatoes stored (on which they will get an advance of IL125 from the Government). The first deliveries to the spot market have been received very critically by the traders, and second-grade shipments fetched reduced prices.

There is also less land under tomatoes, and the crop will be about 30 per cent lighter (except for export varieties). Farmers maintain that this will not affect regular supply but only do away with the surplus that had to be sold off for processing in the past. An ample supply of other vegetables is also predicted, for reduced acreage in the older settlements is being offset by the expanding output in the new ones. Onions, most popular with new farmers, may even glut the market.

A notable development last year was the gradual dropping out of the medium producers and of the commercial farms, which find vegetable growing no longer gives reasonable profits and have therefore switched over to other crops, mainly industrial. The bulk of the vegetable area is now cultivated either by large-scale producers, in plots of 100 dunams and more, or by smallholders. This situation renders any overall price calculation exceedingly difficult.

Recently published figures show that the acreage of winter vegetables has not expanded over the past three years, except for potatoes and tomatoes, which together occupied over 28,600 dunams last winter, compared with 15,400 dunams in 1952. The total area under other vegetables, however, contracted during the same period from 49,700 dunams to 43,600. The reduction was most marked for carrots and cauliflower: the acreage of cucumbers and onions actually expanded.

The area sown under summer vegetables, on the other hand increased by over 35 per cent during the same years and in 1954, it reached almost 29,000 dunams. Here, too, the bulk of the increase was tomatoes, but cucumbers, carrots, peppers and beetroot also expanded.

New Land, Water Authority

CONTROL of agricultural land use is to be centralized and considerably tightened in order to prevent waste of the country's natural resources, it is reliably learnt. To this end, a new Agricultural Planning Authority is to be invested with executive powers.

The present Joint Agricultural Planning Centre is to remain a purely advisory body, charged with fact-finding and research, and formulating the general principles for agricultural development and settlement. The Authority, on the other hand, is to have the final say in all matters concerning allocation of land and water for agricultural use, and institutions which were up to now more or less autonomous in their decisions, such as the JNF, the Development Authority, the Mekorot Company, the Water Administration, etc., will have to apply to it for approval. The Authority is to have a three-tiered structure: a nine-member Board under the chairmanship of the Minister of Agriculture; a three-member Executive, elected by it; and an 18-member Council, composed of the members of the Board and of an equal number of representatives of farmers' organizations and public institutions. The Board's members are to be nominated by the Ministry of Agriculture, the Jewish Agency's Agricultural Settlement Department, and the Agricultural Planning Centre (two each), the JNF, the Water Planning Authority (Tahal) and the Treasury (one each). It is to be responsible to the Cabinet.

Regulations concerning the establishment of the proposed Authority are to be submitted to the Government shortly, it is learnt, and the scheme put into effect without delay. The matter is urgent in view of the results obtained in the latest surveys of the country's water resources, which point to a figure lower than previous estimates, while the irrigated area has expanded greatly in the past two or three years and agricultural settlement activity intensified with the resumption of immigration from North Africa.

Readers' Letters

FALK PROJECT REPORT

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir,—With regard to the article on the provisional balance of payments published in the First Annual Report of the Falk Project, in your issue of May 3, I would like to point out that the figures say nothing at all about capital flight. Unfortunately, the "surplus" appeared as the result of a printing error in the English version of the report, which changed a -30.1 (million dollars) to +30.1.

Moreover, the items amount up to get the figure of $50m. for "capital liabilities payable in foreign currency" are not necessarily payable in foreign currency. What is called an "increase in liabilities on capital account" should be called a "net increase" and it amounts to $20m. rather than the $50m. quoted. The identifiable parts of private foreign investment are shown in our items "other (i.e., non-Government) long term capital" and "other short-term capital;" only the unidentifiable capital movements are shown in our item "other capital." The large figure for "gifts and other unrequited imports" mentioned in Mr. Eshkol's Budget Speech corresponds to several of our "donations" items, plus most of our "other capital" items. This accounts for most of the apparent discrepancy.

Yours etc.
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